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FOR: NOVEL PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of copending application USSN 09/918,779, filed July 30, 2001.
2. This application is a total of 212 pages. This application includes:
210 pages of specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures);
1 pages of claims;
1 page of abstract.
3. A Copy of the Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney (executed) in the parent case is included;
4. Fees associated with this application have been calculated as follows:

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| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | |
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| Claims | Number Filed | Basic Fee Allowance | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$750.00 |
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c)) | 10 | - 20 = | | \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)) | 10 | - 3 = | 7 | \$84.00 | \$558.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)) | -0- | | | \$280.00 | \$0 |
| | | | | SUBTOTAL: | \$1338.00 |
| | | | | Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity: | \$669.00 |
| | | | | TOTAL FEE: | \$669.00 |

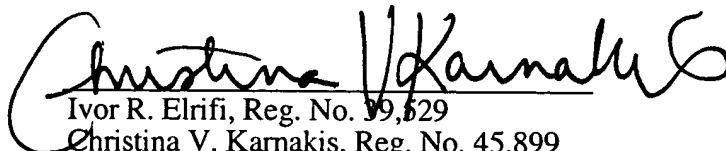
5. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$669.00 and any additional fees due, or credit overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21402-374CON1 (Cura-374CON1);
6. Prior to examination of this application, please amend page 1 of the specification by replacing the paragraph under the heading "Related Applications" with the following:

This application is a continuation of Serial No. 09/918,779, filed September 28, 1998, which claims priority from Applications U.S.S.N. 60/221,409, filed July 28, 2000 (21402-074), abandoned; U.S.S.N. 60/222,840, filed August 4, 2000 (21402-076), abandoned; U.S.S.N. 60/223,752, filed August 8, 2000 (21402-077), abandoned; U.S.S.N. 60/223,762, filed August 8, 2000 (21402-081), abandoned; U.S.S.N. 60/223,770, filed August 8, 2000 (21402-082), abandoned; U.S.S.N. 60/223,769, filed August 8, 2000 (21402-083), abandoned; U.S.S.N. 60/225,146, filed August 14, 2000 (21402-087), abandoned; U.S.S.N. 60/225,392, filed August 15, 2000 (21402-088), abandoned; U.S.S.N. 60/225,470, filed August 15, 2000 (21402-089), abandoned; U.S.S.N. 60/225,697, filed August 16, 2000 (21402-090), abandoned; U.S.S.N. 60/263,662, filed February 1, 2001 (21402-088A), abandoned; and 60/281,645, filed April 5, 2001, abandoned, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

7. A copy of the petition for one-month extension of time in co-pending application USSN 09/918,779, filed on July 21, 2003;
8. Request for Transfer of Sequence Listing Under 37 CFR § 1.821(e); and
9. A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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